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GENERAL

1. Possible military observers in Palestine--The Department of State is informing UN Mediator Count Bernadotte that the US is actively considering his suggestion that military observers supervise the observance of the 29 May UN cease-fire resolution following its acceptance by the belligerents. Bernadotte is being advised that although no final decision has been reached, the Department believes that the UN Balkan Commission and the Indonesian Good Offices Committee furnish precedents for such an arrangement and that any military observers sent should be recruited from the three members of the Truce Commission (the US, Belgium, and France).
2. US and UK to proceed on German program--US Ambassador Douglas reports that the US and UK representatives to the London talks on Germany have informed the French representative that if the French Government, either because of the debate in the French Assembly or for any other reason, finds the scheduled program for Germany unacceptable, the US and UK will nevertheless have to proceed promptly with the program in the bizonal area. The US representatives recommend that before the French Assembly begins its debate, official US-UK approval be given to the agreement on Germany in order to strengthen the position of French Foreign Minister Bidault and make it more difficult for the French Chamber to reject or amend the agreement. The French representative has informed US and UK representatives of Bidault's estimate that the debate in the French Assembly could now be held about 11 June and that French approval might not be forthcoming until 15 June.

EUROPE

3. CZECHOSLOVAKIA: Benes plans to resign--President Benes has informed US Ambassador Steinhardt that he will not sign the new Czechoslovak Constitution and will resign "in about ten days." Steinhardt added that although Benes' physical and mental condition has deteriorated considerably since the coup, he has by no means lost possession of his faculties.

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4. IRAN: Soviet activity in northwest thought diversionary--US Ambassador Wiley, commenting on reports of increased Soviet-inspired activity in northwest Iran, expresses concern over the possibility that this "ostentatious" activity may be a diversionary tactic and that the next Soviet move against Iran may come from the northeast. Wiley suggests the immediate establishment of a US consulate at Meshed in northeast Iran so that the US will not "be caught completely off guard" in the event of such a Soviet move.

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